

October 11 -- 4:30 p.m. Excerpts from Agency SitRep:

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1. Israeli ground forces drove seven miles into Syria this afternoon under heavy air cover. The Israeli salient, about eight miles wide, is between Mount Herman and Qunaytirah in the northern Golan Heights. The Israeli planes are continuing to encounter heavy fire from Syrian surface-to-air missiles, but only intermittent attacks from Syrian fighters. The Israelis continue to hold the Egyptians along the canal front; no additional information is available on the armor battle reported south of Suez City earlier today, but Israeli fighters were noted in the area during the late afternoon. As of late today an Egyptian force of some 40,000 troops and 700 to 800 tanks are estimated to be on the east bank of the canal, according to the IDF. Not all of the tanks, however, are operational.

Agency situation report also noted that:

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--"A Saudi brigade is reported moving into Jordan from Tabuk in norther Saudi Arabia tonight....will be felt as additional pressure for a Jordanian contribution to the war...."

--"No hard information on the transfer of Iraqi units to Syria has been received...."

--From New York, it was learned that "Egyptian strategy in the Security Council would be to counter any American or British cease-fire resolution with a draft calling for withdrawal to pre-June 1967 boundaries. Zayyat predicted that such a proposal would induce a US veto which would permit him to move the issue to the General Assembly."

--"So far, there has been no disruption of Jewish emigration from the USSR to Israel via Austria...."